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Day of remembrance

American Legion offers special tribute for quiet Memorial Day celebration

The City of Plymouth and the Plymouth Lions Club will sponsor vehicles carrying veterans driving through neighborhoods beginning at 10 a.m. May 25. Residents can wave from porches to show support for servicemen and veterans.

While Memorial Day celebrations, set for May 25 this year, have been canceled or limited throughout the region, The American Legion issued an official statement honoring those who have served and given their lives while in the United States Armed Services.

As we pause, privately this year, to respect and acknowledge their service next Monday, these acts of heroism symbolize the true meaning of service by so many:

Every crisis has new heroes. During the 9/11 attacks, they were the first responders running into burning and crumbling buildings as others ran out. Now, during the Coronavirus pandemic, the most visible heroes are the health care professionals, who are saving others and risking their own lives while doing so.

These heroes have much in common with the people that we honor on Memorial Day - America's fallen veterans. They are men and women who have sacrificed their own lives so others could live. They are both elite and ordinary. They are elite in the sense of character. Giving your life so others could live is the ultimate definition of selfless.

They are ordinary in the fact that they represent the diverse fabric of our country. They are rich and poor, black and white, male and female. They come from every ethnicity and background. In short, they looked like anyone of us. As we celebrate the selfless and untiring performances of the healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, it brings to mind the military medics, doctors and nurses who sacrificed their lives while treating others on the battlefield.

One such hero was Pharmacist Mate Third Class Jack Williams. The Navy Reserve corpsman was only 20 years old when he landed on Iwo Jima 75 years ago.

On March 3, 1945, James Naughton, a Marine in Williams' unit, was wounded by a grenade. While under intense enemy fire, Williams dragged Naughton to a shallow depression and treated his wounds. Williams used his own body as a screen and was shot four times. Yet he continued.

After he treated Naughton, Williams dressed his own wounds. He then proceeded to treat another Marine, despite his own immense pain. While heading to the rear, he was hit by a sniper's bullet and killed. For his actions, Petty Officer Williams was awarded the Medal of Honor.

We also remember Army veterans like Lt. Sharon Lane.

According to her biographer, Philip Bigler, Lt. Lane threw herself into her work as a nurse. While serving in Colorado, she requested a transfer to Vietnam.

"There, at least, you are busy 12 hours a day, six or seven days a week," she said in a 1968 letter to her parents.

Her dedication was obvious, even as she treated enemy Viet Cong soldiers who would return the favor by kicking, cursing and spitting at their American captors.

In the early morning of June 8, 1969, Lt. Lane's tour of duty ended. A Soviet-built rocket struck the hospital and she was killed in action at age 25.

If she were still here, her skills as a nurse might still be benefiting us during the current crisis. But not all of the heroes working during the COVID-19 pandemic are in the healthcare industry. Grocers, first responders, delivery workers and drive-through restaurant employees are just a few of the

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Northville hosts first responder virus testing

Four hundred first responders, police officers and firefighters of Northville Township and 16 surrounding area communities participated in an all-day testing initiative last Thursday at Ward Memorial Presbyterian Church under the direction of human services non-profit ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services) of Dearborn.

Northville Township officials and board of trustees members sponsored the serology testing at the church facility to identify first responders who had COVID-19 and now have developed antibodies against the disease. This test differs from the test to diagnose the virus.

Ford Motor Co., Wayne State University and the Wayne State University Physician Group and ACCESS established the partnership to improve access to testing for the states first responders, health care workers and corrections officers.

Health care professionals who conducted blood tests at the Northville testing site were employees of the Wayne State University Physician Group.

"Antibody testing for people who've recovered from COVID-19 is important, and according to experts, individuals may be eligible to donate plasma that could be used to treat others with severe disease and boost the ability to fight the virus. Testing is another method to identify first responders who were infected but were asymptomatic," said Northville Township Police Chief Paul Tennies, who controlled the event. As a precaution, once test results are presented a rapid test is conducted if someone tests positive, he added.

"This was a very significant testing event for the first responders and the 16 participating communities to help us determine how to respond to COVID-19," added Township Supervisor Robert Nix.

In addition to the participation in the mobile testing initiative, Ford Motor Co. helped produce and distribute critical medial equipment in the past two months, including face masks and ventilators. A Ford supplier has produced millions of face shields at the Plymouth Township TDM Sheldon Road facility.

First responders were tested for COVID-19 last Thursday at an event hosted by the Northville Township Public Safety Department at Ward Church. More than 400 first responders from throughout the area were tested under the direction of ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services), a non-profit organization.

Canton 2020 census response reaches 75.4 percent

The rate of response to the 2020 census in Canton Township has reached 75.4 percent, according to Amy Hughesdon, the township operations coordinator.

Hughesdon said that the self-response level in 2010 was 77.8 percent, although the total response rate in Canton in 2010 was 90 percent. Hughesdon explained that total was due to the field work done by census workers following the self-response effort.

She said she is hoping that the township will exceed that 90 percent compliance this year. Field work is expected to begin in October, she said, although she was unsure of the exact specifications of the effort this year.

> *Please continue to spread the word and post about it, every little bit helps.*

"They have extended the self-response period through June so if anyone asks, they can still respond to the census online, by mail, or by phone. You can refer to Canton's Census page to answer questions -https://www.canton-mi.org/1276/US-Census. The timeline on the page will be adjusted to provide the new information we received about self-response extension and field visits," Hughesdon said in a prepared statement.

"I am now working with the Census Bureau to get an idea of what areas of the community have low response rates. They have a mapping tool that is supposed to be easy to use, but apparently since we are a township the data is harder to get - they have promised to call me back once their IT department fixes the issue for townships. Please continue to spread the word and post about it, every little bit helps. We at least need another 2.4 percent," she continued.

Hughesdon expressed her gratitude to those with whom she has spoken personally during the past three weeks in attempts to "use creative ways to spread the word."

"The work you did as a result of those conversations increased our response by 7.5 percent," she said.

Belleville - Sumpter

Sumpter trustees OK extra pay structure for workers

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees met May 5 to address several items of business, including approval of $5 per hour "duty pay" to employees currently classified as essential and working during the pandemic.

Trustee Don LaPorte was excused from the meeting and Treasurer Ken Bednark was not in attendance during the discussion or vote on the proposal, which was first questioned by Township Clerk Esther Hurst who suggested the language clarify that the extra duty pay was for 2020 employees only.

Hurst's change was seconded by a concern of Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis who suggested the language as presented did not clearly define that hazard pay was approved for union members only. Township attorney RobYoung offered alternate language that eliminated non-union employees and made clear that the extra pay was intended for AFSCME members and workers.

Young stated that the board members were not changing the current union contract under which the employees are paid.

Just prior to the vote, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke requested another change to the proposed resolution, noting that Fire Chief Joe Januszyk, who is not a union member, should also be eligible for the extra pay as he continues to work with the department firefighters and responds to requests for fire and medical assistance regularly.

Trustees requested that Young make that change and also include Luke in the provisions of the resolution authorizing the extra pay.

> *We'll make changes to the resolution. We're not changing the terms of the (union) contract.*

Only Trustee Matthew Oddy questioned the $5 per hour amount of duty pay suggesting that both the fire and police personnel interact with the public at a much higher rate that those employees at city hall. He suggested that $2 per hour in extra duty pay might be sufficient for those workers in light of the circumstances while township hall remains closed to the public.

The resolution was approved unanimously by the officials in attendance and will be effective through May 15.

"We'll make changes to the resolution," Young said. "We're not changing the terms of the (union) contract."

The trustees also cancelled the May 12 and 26 meetings and agreed to posting a sign requiring a face mask or covering for anyone entering township hall or the senior center when the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

The board also approved a motion to authorize Township Supervisor John Morgan to call back furloughed employees when the stay home order is lifted and circumstances ensure their safety.

In addition, the trustees approved a salary increase of $5,200 for Finance Director Michelle Cole explaining that she had assumed responsibility for the water department and was now supervising an employee.

Final approval of the UniMac commercial turnout gear washer purchase in the amount of $7,596 was by unanimous vote. Luke noted that the purchase had been considered and discussed for a year and the machine is necessary to ensure that the gear from fire scenes is properly cleaned of toxins before being worn again.

Trustees also authorized the payment of current bills and extended authorization for bills due to be paid following review and approval by Cole through May 29.

Candidate for state representative has criminal record

The man in widely publicized photographs brandishing a doll hanging from a noose around the neck during a protest at the Michigan Capitol last week has been identified as a candidate for state office.

The man, identified by various media as James Chapman, filed a petition and paid a $100 fee on April 21 to appear on the November ballot as one of five Republicans and two Democrats seeking to replace term-limited State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton Township. Pagan currently represents House District 21 which includes Belleville and the townships of Canton and Van Buren.

During the much-publicized protest against Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Stay Home-Stay Safe order, Chapman was photographed carrying a fishing rod adorned with an American flag and a naked female doll hanging from a noose. The man identified as Chapman told a reporter the dark-haired doll was a representation of Whitmer. The protest, organized by the Michigan United for Liberty group, erupted into a physical altercation when another protester attempted to take the doll.

According to Lt. Brian Oleksyk, public information officer for the Michigan State Police, no one was injured or arrested in the protest. Oleksyk declined to identify Chapman as part of the demonstration. Chapman was, however, identified displaying the hanging doll in photographs of an April 15 protest published in The Detroit Free Press.

Chapman who is seeking the $71,685 salaried position which includes an additional $10,800 expense allowance, also has a widely-publicized criminal history according to court and police records.

According to Michigan Department of Corrections records, in 2018 Chapman allegedly argued with and attempted to stab an acquaintance at a house in Van Buren Township and dove into Belleville Lake while fleeing and evading police attempting to arrest him. The incident was summarized in a Michigan Court of Appeals opinion. In that incident, Chapman was sentenced to six months in jail in 2018 following his conviction on charges of resisting a police officer.

In 1990, Chapman was sentenced to three to 10 years in prison after being convicted of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and a firearms charge. He was also sentenced to probation in a 2015 charge of stalking, court records show.

Attempts to reach Chapman were unsuccessful.

The man identified as candidate for Michigan House of Representatives James Chapman of Van Buren Township was seen in this widely circulated photo of a protest demonstration in Lansing recently. Photo reprinted from the M-LIVE website.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
June 11, 2020

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, June 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco, John Badeen.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda for June 11, 2020

Approval of Minutes:
March 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicant Danny Veri, for property located on the east side of Lilley Road between Warren and Joy Roads, Zoning R-6. Appealing Section 26.02, variances to front setback, building height and number of stories in the R-6 district and Section 6.03A, variances from building separation for multiple-family buildings and location of driveway relative to the wall of a building. Parcel ID 008-99-0001-707 (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 2020
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY - VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCING

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Councilman Wadsworth

The City Clerk announced that the council meeting was being held pursuant to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-48, (1)(a), that a meeting of a public body may be held electronically, by telephone or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means.

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: None
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk, Stacey Paige, Treasurer

1. **Agenda**
A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for Approval of the Agenda. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. #20-116** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** for Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on 4-27-2020. Motion Carried Unanimously
   B. **Res. #20-117** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for Approval of Minutes from the Special Meeting(s) held on 4/27/2020: 5:30 p.m. Executive Session to discuss union matters and 6:00 p.m. Study Session to discuss the 20/21 Preliminary Budget. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report - John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   A. **Res. #20-118** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a Memorial Resolution for Vera Makowski. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
   Jasmine Danci, Director of Marketing and Community Development, announced that the City has an email newsletter which is sent out weekly to keep residents informed, during the COVID-19 outbreak, of important information and updates. Residents can sign-up through the city website.
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
   The City Treasurer reminded residents that they can use the drop box to make payments. The drop box is checked daily and payments are processed on a weekly basis. There are no late fees or penalties. Payments should be made in the form of a check or money order. No cash please.
8. **Public Comment**
   One resident requested to speak and announced that residents can dump their bulk items at Woodlands without being charged a $15 permit fee; must provide a Romulus address.
9. **Unfinished Business**
10. **New Business**
11. **Communication**
   Councilwoman Talley commented on the 2020 Census and announced that the Average National Response rate for the City of Romulus is at 64.8%, which is above the National response rate (56.6%), State response rate (63.3%) and Wayne County response rate (58%).
   Councilwoman Williams reminded everyone that Forgotten Harvest will be at Romulus High School beginning at 2:00 p.m.; must provide their name and zip code.
   Councilwoman Webb extended her condolences to all of the bereaved families in the City of Romulus.
12. **Adjournment**
   A. Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for Adjournment. Motion Carried Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 4, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 19/20-31 Contract for Annual NFPA Compliant Fire Fighter Physicals

The City of Romulus is seeking bids from qualified vendors for annual, on site, Firefighter NFPA 1582 Compliant Physicals. Successful Bidder must be able to deliver services on-site to the Romulus Fire Department in a two-phase process where labs are collected prior to exam.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.
(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(3) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, **6/16/2020**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.
(4) The public opening of all timely received bids will be provided virtually via "Zoom" at approximately 3:00 p.m., local time 6/16/2020. Log in information for the "Zoom" meeting can be obtained by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com or utilizing the information provided in the bid documents.
(5) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.
(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(7) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.
(8) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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INKSTER - ROMULUS

Court budget costs prompt council questions

Members of the Romulus City Council approved the 2020-2021 budget as presented by Mayor Leroy Burcroff by a 5-2 vote.

The dissenting votes were cast by councilwomen Virginia Williams and Kathy Abdo who both expressed their dissatisfaction with the portion of the budget presented by the 34th District Court.

During discussion of the motion to approve the $19,744,870 general fund budget at the May 11 electronic meeting,, Williams said that the court budget showed a deficit of more than $70,000 and that she did not agree with approval of that portion of the budget motion.

Williams said that the lack of a fund balance at the court along with the deficit of $71,000 prompted her concerns.

"Where would the money be coming from?" she asked. She said the court was asking for an additional $500,000 in the budget and that she had concerns about the ability of the city to assume the debt the court was unable to pay.

"This budget just doesn't add up. How can we project $500,000? Does this $77,673 cover the deficit spending?" she demanded. "Will the city have to make cuts to pay what the court can't pay?"

Councilwoman Kathy Abdo agreed with Williams that the court portion of the budget was questionable.

"I taught math for 40 years, and this budget does not add up," she said. She added that she had asked for more documentation from Chief Judge Brian Oakley and was told "you're not getting it."

"That was his answer. We have a responsibility to the citizens. This is not a sound budget. What happens if the court can't make the payments?" she asked, in reference to bond payments on the new court building under construction.

Romulus acts as the host city for the court which serves the cities of Belleville and Romulus along with the townships of Van Buren, Huron and Sumpter.

> *There is always risk and always benefit to being the host city. I feel the court is being as honest and straightforward as they can be.*

Burcroff responded that the court budget as presented is a process Romulus, as the host city for the court, undertakes each year. This year, he noted, budget projections were difficult if not impossible for nearly every entity due to the pandemic.

"There is uncertainty in everything. All the budgets, for everything, will have to be looked at," he said. "There is always risk and always benefit to being the host city. I feel the court is being as honest and straightforward as they can be."

Burcroff cited the number of meetings with court officials regarding the budget and costs associated with the current construction and expansion of the court.

"I would remind the council that we had a financial company appear at a study session. There will be a cost for additional people at the new court and the state court administrator has given direction as to how to proceed with managing the court," he said.

"We started this budget process a half a year ago. The court has made the best projections they can with the unknowns. I don't feel it is appropriate to not approve the court budget with my interpretation of what I saw and heard at the budget sessions,," Burcroff said.

Councilwoman Eva Webb suggested that the council move forward and said she recognized the uncertainty of costs associated with a new construction and expansion.

"The court will be 60 percent larger,: she said." There will be new hires, purchases of furniture. I would rather have a budget in place for the bond payments. Next year we can critique this," she said.

Abdo responded to Burcroff's comment regarding the difficulty of revenue projections by the court and said that she was concerned with the two years of deficit spending at the court. She added that she had no problem with the city portion of the budget and praised the work of the city staff who worked on the budget preparation.

Williams said that her position had noting to do with "liking" anyone but that "the figures just don't add up.

"I totally agree with the city budget but I do not agree with the court budget," Williams said just prior to the roll call vote.

On the job

Officers from the Inkster Police Department partnered with Life for Relief & Development, Detroit Rescue Mission and Wayne County Sheriffs Office May 5 to distribute 120 food boxes to several of the senior living complexes in the City of Inkster. "A very big thank you to everyone involved for making sure our seniors have access to food," officers posted on their Facebook page. "In times like these we must come together and we are proud to serve the citizens of Inkster."

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Wayne - Westland

Funding for veterans memorial nears goal

The Veterans Memorial project in Wayne had nearly reached the goal of $20,000 last week, although final totals were unavailable with three days left on the campaign.

The effort saw more than $1,500 donated for the new memorial during the last few days of the campaign. In reaching the $20,000 goal, the donations will be matched by the Michigan Economic Development Corp. for a total of $40,000 to complete the tribute to honor veterans throughout the Wayne area.

The project began in 2016 when veterans met with city officials requesting a lasting tribute for the many who served their country, including those who gave their lives, were missing in action or taken as prisoners of war.

City officials approved the project and approved the site at the south side of Wayne City Hall for the memorial where a Americans With Disabilities Act compliant path is already installed next to the building. Officials also agreed to reserve parking spaces in the area for veterans and handicapped visitors.

The project will include the memorial, excavation and pavement installation, a new flag pole and flag, lighting benches, landscaping and signage and 5 years of maintenance.

The monument, adjacent to Goudy Park, will be accessible year round, according to plans for the memorial.

Members of UAW Local 900 offered to relocate the veterans memorial currently at the union offices to the site in Wayne. Those monuments, which honor each of the armed forces, will be incorporated into the new Wayne memorial.

More information is available from Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini at (734) 722-2001.

The Wayne Memorial Veterans Committee members are hoping the $20,000 goal for the project was reached last week. At the proposed site of the project, next to Wayne City Hall are: Mike Smith (UAW Local 900); Allison Hug (UAW Local 845); Wayne Community Development Director Lori Gouin; Mayor John Rhaesa; Mayor Pro tem Tom Porter; Faye Williams (UAW Local 845) and Director of Wayne Building and Engineering Department Michael Buiten. Not pictured are: Alfred Brock; Chris Miller (UAW Local 900); Bill Johnson (UAW Local 900);Assistant Director of the Wayne Department of Public Works Ed Queen; Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini and the late Lloyd Allen (UAW Local 900).

Food distribution set for tomorrow in Westland

The City of Westland will be distributing surplus federal food from 10 a.m. until noon tomorrow at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up commodities during this distribution. Residents of Westland living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, which is located at 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt Roads. The phone number is (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution.

Income guidelines for 2020 food distribution are based on 200 percent of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. For information about qualification, call the Jefferson Barns Community Center surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366,

For the month of May, distribution includes cooked chicken in a pouch, dried fruit nut mix, walnuts, chick peas, canned peaches, canned pork, green beans and possible additional items.

This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distribution sites and dates of distribution are determined by that agency.

City events cancelled due to threats of coronavirus

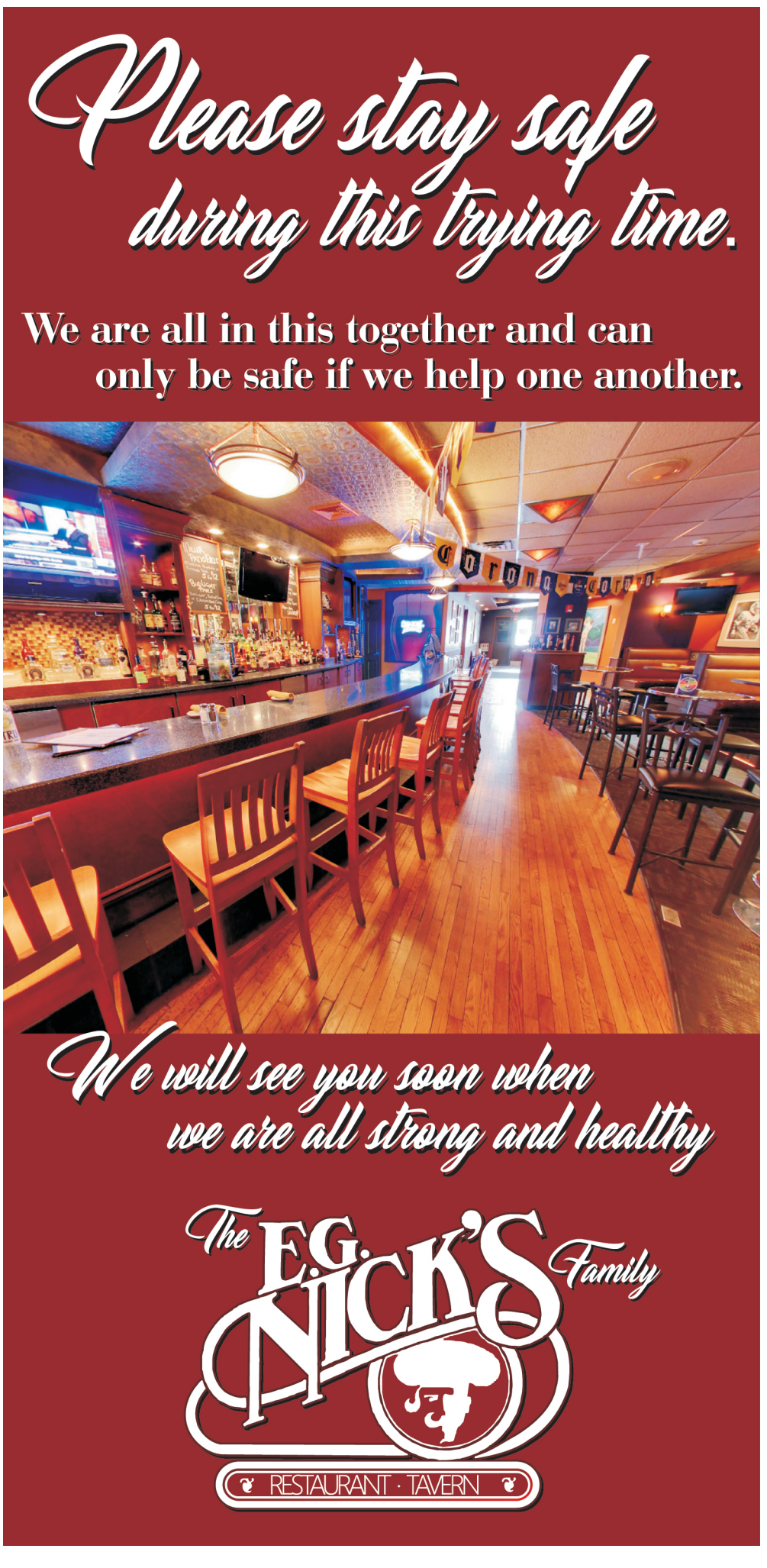
The coronavirus pandemic has claimed several more community events in Westland. Last week, city officials announced that several upcoming city-organized and sponsored events would not take place this year in accordance with Gov, Gretchen Whitmer's executive order restricting gatherings

"Governor Whitmer's six-phase plan to reopen Michigan's economy shows that restrictions on gathering size will not be lifted until Michigan enters the final phase, 'post pandemic'," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "We don't know what the pandemic will look like this summer, but for the health and safety of members of the Westland community, we felt it necessary to make this tough decision."

The list of events affected by this announcement includes the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for May 24; the Westland Craft Beer and Wine Festival scheduled for May 30; Relay for Life scheduled for June 6 and 7; the Splash Bash Community Gathering Outdoor Movie Night scheduled for June 23; the Smooth Summer Nights Concert Series scheduled for July 23 and Blues, Brews and BBQ which was planned for Aug. 7 and 8.

"We know our residents look forward to these wonderful community events every year and we are still hopeful we will be able to plan some special events for our community later in the season," Wild concluded.

For a complete list of Westland cancellations, closures and postponements, visit www.cityofwestland.com.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Current chiefs to continue to lead public safety department

Canton Township will continue with the current public safety department management team. Last week, members of the board of trustees opted not to fill the public safety director position recently vacated by Joshua Meier who retired last month.

The Public Safety Department will move forward under the current leadership of Deputy Director of Police Chad Baugh, and Deputy Director of Fire Christopher Stoecklein, noted officials. Additionally, Canton Emergency Management Coordinator Will Hayes, who has been actively leading the Canton Emergency Response Team and its efforts to keep the Canton community safe and informed during the COVID-19 pandemic will continue those efforts.

"Canton is fortunate to be one of only a handful of communities in the region to have an emergency management coordinator, " noted Township Supervisor Pat Williams in a prepared statement. Hayes has guided the township response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Beginning in February, Hayes, began coordinating with the Wayne County Public Health Department, Wayne County Homeland Security and Emergency Management, as well as the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division regarding the COVID-19 virus. He began coordinating efforts for the township to be prepared to respond to, and recover from, a potential pandemic. Hayes conveyed the information to the Western Wayne County Police Chiefs, Western Wayne County Mutual Aid Fire Association, as well as within the Canton organization.

Hayes produces daily situation reports, providing details of the pandemic and the township actions to address the crisis, Williams said. Hayes addressed the concerns of all township employees during a host of meetings to educate them about the symptoms and methods to maintain their health during the pandemic.

Additionally, Hayes activated the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to help Williams develop a program to assist seniors, shut-ins, and other high-risk citizens to get food, toiletries, and necessary medications without having to leave home.

The Emergency Manager is in regular contact and communication with key stakeholders including the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Wayne County Homeland Security and Emergency Management, The Michigan State Police - Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Western Wayne County Chiefs of Police; Western Wayne Mutual Aid Fire Chiefs Association, Health Emergency Medical Service (HEMS), and Medical Control Authority Board (MCAB) to share best practices, update protocol, and to maintain situational awareness of the COVID-19 pandemic. This vetted information is shared widely with the community, Williams said.

Will Hayes

Chad Baugh

Christopher Stoecklein

Hayes began his career with Canton in 2017, after serving as the Deputy Special Agent in Charge from the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations for 29 years, and another three years as a Continuity of Operations Specialist for the University of Michigan Division of Public Safety and Security, Emergency Management Unit.

Hayes has attained State of Michigan designation as a Professional Emergency Manager and as a Professional Continuity Practitioner. He is a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) as well as the American Society for Industrial Standards. He is also a FEMA-designated instructor for the National Incident Management System (NIMS); Incident Command System (ICS); and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) as well as others.

Deputy Director of Fire Christopher Stoecklein, is a Canton native who began his career with Canton in 1996 as a Public Safety Service Officer, and was promoted to firefighter one year later. In 2013, he was selected as the department deputy fire chief, and then in 2016 was promoted to deputy director of fire. In that capacity, he was instrumental in the fire department becoming the fourth department in the state to become accredited through the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

Chadwick Baugh has served as deputy director of police since 2016. He began his career with Canton in 1996 as a police officer. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2008 and then to lieutenant in 2014. As deputy director, Baugh oversaw the development of staff, policy and budget. He also empowered command staff to mentor officers to reach their maximum potential, creating quality, service-oriented employees, according to the statement from Williams.

"The Canton Public Safety Department remains in fully capable hands. The leadership of Hayes, Stoecklein and Baugh has proven effective and efficient in the recent health crisis facing the community, and will continue in the days and months to come," Williams concluded.

Master Plan for downtown Kellogg Park is being developed

There will be a plan for Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Members of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority Board have contracted with Wade Trim, the city engineering firm, to develop a master plan for the park, according to a prepared statement from the group.

The idea, according to a spokesman, is to keep the changes minimal, with a select number of enhancements added to the park.

In a draft report presented to the DDA board members during the April 13 meeting, a Wade Trim representative presented the possibility of widening the walkways from 8 ½ feet to 10 feet, widening the Main Street promenade, new benches, defining entrances to the park and designing Penniman Street to be more people and event friendly by eliminating curbs with back-in, angle parking.

Public input on the draft proposal was taken at that meeting. A summary of those opinions can be found at https://downtownplymouth.org/DocumentCenter/View/2183/April-13-2020- DDA-meeting-KP-comments. The DDA also solicited input on website and social media platforms. Those responses can be found at: https://downtownplymouth.org/DocumentCenter/View/2184/Kellogg-ParkMaster-Plan-comments.

> *"The idea is to keep the changes minimal, with a select number of enhancements added to the park.*

A new Kellogg Park fountain is not part of the Master Plan. However, the fountain has been designed with construction expected to begin in the spring of 2021, according to DDA Director Tony Bruscato.

"Any decisions on enhancements to Kellogg Park won't be made until the DDA board discusses its Strategic Plan for the next calendar year," he said.

Meetings of the DDA board meetings take place at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are open to the public and public comments are welcome. Agendas can be found at http://downtownplymouth.org/AgendaCenter, he concluded.

Local students are each awarded $2,500 National Merit scholarships

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) has named the students who have been awarded $2500 scholarship winners. The 2,500 Merit Scholar designees were

chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding Finalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.

National Merit $2500 Scholarship winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The number of winners named in each state is proportional to the state percentage of the national graduating high school seniors.

These scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, who appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by both the finalists and their high schools: the academic record, including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®); contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay written by the finalist; and a recommendation written by a high school official.

> *"The number of winners named in each state is proportional to the state percentage of the national graduating high school seniors.*

Winners this year included Drew W. LaBelle of Plymouth. His probable career field is neuroscience and he is a student at Canton High School; George Fane of Northville. His probable career field is finance, He is a student at Northville High School; Sreya Challa of Northville whose probable career field is business administration. She is a student at Northville High School,

Neha Narayan of Canton who hopes to pursue a career in the medical research field also was awarded a $2,500 scholarship.

She is a student at Salem High School in Canton as was Aditya V. Suryakumar of Canton who hopes to pursue a career in medicine. She is a student at Plymouth High School.

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1. Obituaries

Orelio Montes, Jr.

Orelio Montes, Jr., 83, of Romulus died peacefully from cancer on May 16, surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Montes was born in Detroit on June 27, 1936 to Aurelio and Amelia Montes. He married the love of his life, Ofelia Perez de Vazquez in Silao, Guanajuato, Mexico in 1960. Together they raised their two children, Carlos and Marcela in Romulus.

Mr. Montes was a loving husband and father and is most proud of the family legacy he has left behind. His children and grandchildren have all received college degrees and are enjoying successful professional careers.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Montes is survived by his son, Carlos (Sandra) Montes; a daughter, Marcela (Dan) Loudon; grandchildren, Amy, Nicholas, Laura and Annalisa, and a great-granddaughter Elena.

Mr. Montes was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Charlotte and Elena and brothers Jose, and Enrique.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Arbor Hospice.

30. Help Wanted

Sumpter Township is currently accepting applications for Building Department Clerk.

The Building Department Clerk is responsible for all functions of the Building Department. This is a full time union (AFSCME) position. Excellent wage and benefits. Must have excellent communication skills and detail oriented.

Please submit application, resume and cover letter to Michelle Bellingham, Human Resource Coordinator, MichelleBellingham@sumptertwp.org no later than 4:00 PM on Wednesday May 27, 2020.

Application and job description available on our website Sumptertwp.org

59. Auctions

Copart has vehicles up for public auction Tuesday 5/26/20 at 10 AM at www.copart.com:

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NORTHVILLE

Holiday

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many people that we rely on to provide vital services for society while risking their own safety.

The military also has heroes in every occupational field. Truck drivers, cooks and administrative clerks have all paid the ultimate price. At sea, on land or in the air - military service requires great risk.

Roy Knight, Jr. was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. On May 19, 1967, he was shot down while attacking a target on the Ho Chi Minh trail in Laos. He was posthumously promoted to colonel. Last year, a joint team from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency discovered and later identified Col. Knight's remains.

When his remains arrived at Dallas Love Field, a crowd had gathered to witness the dignified transfer of the flag-draped casket from the Southwest Airlines jet into the receptive arms of the military honor guard. One observer reported that the entire crowd fell silent.

The Southwest flight was piloted by another Air Force veteran, Col. Knight's son, Bryan. Bryan Knight was only 5 years old when he said goodbye to his father as the elder Knight left for Vietnam.

This is yet another legacy that these heroes leave behind. A legacy that includes their sons, daughters, grieving parents, grandparents and friends.

Their heroic acts are sometimes performed to protect those with whom they serve. Corporal Jason Dunham was a squad leader with the Third Battalion, 7th Marines in Iraq.

On April 14, 2004, his squad approached a Toyota Land Cruiser. After his squad discovered AK-47s in the vehicle, the enemy insurgent exited and engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with the unit. The driver dropped a grenade.

To save his fellow Marines, Cpl. Dunham made the ultimate sacrifice. He threw himself on the grenade and tried to use his helmet to shield the blast. Severely wounded by grenade fragments, Cpl. Dunham was taken off life-support eight days later.

Corporal Dunham died so other Marines could live. He, too, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his gallantry.

Approximately one million men and women of the U.S. military have lost their lives in defense of our nation since the founding of this great Republic.

Not all have died from enemy fire. Some have died from diseases that have too often festered around war zones.

Often times, deaths from disease and accidents outnumbered casualties caused by enemy weapons.

During the Spanish American War, 60 soldiers of the all-black 24th Infantry Regiment volunteered to serve as nurses. Thirty-six of them would later die of yellow fever or malaria.

A generation later, the flu would kill nearly 16,000 U.S. soldiers in France during World War I. Another 30,000 American service members died in stateside camps.

These men and women could have isolated safely in their homes. But they knew they had an important job to do. A mission to accomplish. They were all on a mission to serve.

Even when the enemy is an invisible virus or a microscopic germ, the sacrifices made are just as meaningful. The U.S. military has already lost service members to COVID-19.

This Memorial Day as we continue to honor those who fell for us in battle, let's also pause to remember those who have also sacrificed their lives while serving others.

Northville banners honor servicemen

The City of Northville is participating in a national mission this year to honor and pay tribute to local U.S. Armed Forces veterans and active duty military personnel by lining the downtown streets with military tribute banners during the months of May and November.

The banners display a photo of the service person with their name, dates of service and branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. Banner honorees have served from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

> *They will be re-installed in November for Veterans Day.*

The banners were installed in time for the 75th Anniversary V-E Day celebration on May 8, and set for Memorial Day on May 25. They will be re-installed in November for Veterans Day.

The banner sponsorship program set-up by the Northville Chamber of Commerce is designed to help raise funds for various non-profits, veteran's organizations and to "never forget the brave men and women who have served and are serving our nation today."

To view the complete list and read the stories visit: https://www.northville.org/stories-of-the-history-makers.

Office building plan OK'd

Owners of the CNC machine shop in Plymouth have gone above and beyond for the health and welfare of one employee.

The company is planning to build a 3,000 square-foot office building to accommodate the extreme allergies suffered by their Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

According to Peter Tzilos, the architect on the CNC building project, the new building will serve as an office for the company.

The CPA needs to be in an environment away from an industrial setting, Tzilos told members of the Northville Township Planning Commission during a site plan review of the project earlier this month.

"They're building this building primarily for her."

The office building will be located on Five Mile Road near Haggerty, next to the Northville Forest apartment complex.

To accommodate the construction, trees and brush on the wooded site will be removed.

The developer will contribute money for about 23 trees into the township tree fund, according to Township Planner Jennifer Frey.

Commissioners unanimously approved the site plan for the building.

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